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TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Adult Day Care Center Sponsors

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SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum #14A-06 - Hurricane Information for Food Safety

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As the 2006 hurricane season approaches, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service is announcing the availability of a comprehensive collection of useful tips and answers to food safety questions for Americans living in hurricane-prone states.

Available on FSIS' Web site, www.fsis.usda.gov, <u>A Consumer's Guide to Food Safety: Severe Storms and Hurricanes</u> (PDF only; 872kb), provides information and recommendations about keeping food safe during emergency situations (e.g., severe storms, hurricanes, power outages and flooding). Please share this information with your staff, as they may find this helpful when planning for emergencies.

In addition, this press release offers specific recommendations that will help consumers in hurricane-prone states: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/NR 060606 01/index.asp.

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